

REMARKS

Applicants' undersigned Attorney wishes to thank Examiner LesPerance for the courtesy of several telephone interviews over the last several days.

This opportunity is being taken to amend the claims as agreed upon during those interviews. In particular, the features of Claim 5 are being added to each of the independent Claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17 and 21. Claim 5 itself is being cancelled, and Claim 6 is being amended to be dependent from Claim 4 instead of the now cancelled Claim 5. Also, Applicants' Attorney has carefully reviewed all of the pending claims, and minor editorial changes are being made to Claims 4, 8, 9, 10, 17 and 21 to improve the form and readability of these claims.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to file a continuation application to continue prosecution of the subject matters of the previous claims 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17 and 21.

It is believed that all of the pending claims, which are Claims 1-4, 6-12, 14-19 and 21-24 are now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and to withdraw the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. 103, and to allow these claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' Attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is asked to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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